

would not overcome the shortcomings of Kunisato as attempted to be applied against 1-6 and 10-15.

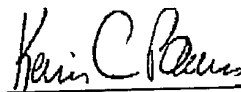
In view of the forgoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection over Kunisato in view of Morita is respectfully requested.

2. Claim 8 was rejected under §103(a) over Kunisato in view of Morita and in further view of Chiyo. Applicants respectfully submit that the arguments submitted above distinguish claim 1 from Kunisato in view of Morita. Since claim 8 depends directly from claim 1, claim 8 is also believed to be allowable over the prior art.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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